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"VICTOR" INFORMED OF REPORT FROM "CRUCIAN" REGARDING ORDERS TO CAPTAINS
OF YUGOSLAV MERCHANT SHIPS (1944)

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To VICTOR^[1],

CRUCIAN[KARAS']^[ii] reports that all the captains of Yugoslav merchant ships have received from SIDON^[iii] written instructions signed by a former vice-director of the Bank of YUGOSLAVIA, RUDOLF BIČANIĆ[RUDOL'F BICHANICH] [5 groups unrecovered] [B% to raise] the flag of TITO on the ships, [2 groups unrecovered] [D% port] to get in touch with BIČANIĆ and await instructions from him. B. calls himself a representative of the liberation movement. [Q% The text] [8 groups unrecoverable] did not cure[a] RUDIC[RUDICH]^[iv]. Is B. acting upon instructions from TITO, or is this provocation?

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MAY[MAJ] ^[v]

T.N.: [a] This is a literal translation of NE OZDRAVIL. The interpretation remains obscure.

Comments: [1] Lt.-Gen. P.M. FITIN.
 [ii] Antun S. IVANČIĆ.
 [iii] LONDON.
 [iv] Unidentified.
 [v] Probably Stepan Zakharovich APRESYAN.

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